

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

By way of this amendment, claim 18 is amended and new claims 39-40 are added. Claims 18, 20, 21, 23, 26-34 and 36-40 are pending in the application. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, are respectfully requested.

Support for the amendment to claim 18 is found, for instance, in Applicant's Published Specification, U.S. Patent Publ. 2008/0230678, at para. [0111].

Interview Summary

On March 27, 2012, Applicant's representative and Examiner Seyed M. Malekzadeh conducted a telephonic interview. The prior art, differences between the present application and the prior art and potential amendments to the claims were discussed. During the interview, it was agreed that clarifying the claim to provide for "a wedge receiver being removably provided on an upper surface of the mold holder" would distinguish over the cited art. Claim 18 has been amended in this response accordingly.

Claim Rejections—35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 18, 20-21, 23, 28-34 and 36-38 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yamazaki et al (U.S. 6,136,091) in view of Aldrich (2,039,872). Claims 26-27 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Yamazaki et al (U.S. 6,136,091) in view of Aldrich (2,039,872) and further in view of Chapin (U.S. 1,572,707).

Claim 18 has been amended to require a mold for producing a silicon ingot having "a wedge receiver being removably provided on an upper surface of the mold holder. None of the cited art teaches or suggests such a constructions. Further,

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Claims 20, 21, 23 and 26-40 either depend from or incorporate the mold of claim 18 and therefore require all the limitations of claim 18. As such, withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of claims 20, 21, 23 and 26-40 is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application, as amended, are requested.

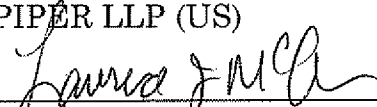
If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles, California telephone number (310) 595-3107 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

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